

[OMB Control No. 2900-0205]

Agency Information Collection Activity under OMB Review: Applications and Appraisals for Title 38 Health Care Positions and Trainees

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–0205."

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521.

<u>Title</u>: Applications and Appraisals for Title 38 Health Care Positions and Trainees, VA Forms 10-2850, 10-2850a, 10-2850c, 10-2850d, and 10-2850e.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0205.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The collection of this information is authorized by title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.) 7403, (Veterans' Benefits), which provides that appointments of title 38 employees will be made only after qualifications have been satisfactorily verified in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary. Occupations listed in 38 U.S.C. 7401(1) and 7401(3) (Appointments in Veterans Health Administration), are appointed at a grade and step rate or an assignment based on careful evaluation of their education and experience.

VA Forms 10-2850, 10-2850a, and 10-2850c are applications designed specifically to elicit appropriate information about each candidate's qualifications for employment with Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as well as educational and experience. To assure that a full evaluation of each candidate's credentials can be made prior to employment, the forms require disclosure of details about all licenses ever held, Drug Enforcement Administration certification, board certification, clinical privileges, revoked certification or registration, liability insurance history, and involvement in malpractice proceedings.

Form 10-2850d is used to collect appropriate information about qualifications for each trainee participating in accredited educational programs with VA. VA Form 10-2850e is the pre-employment reference form used to elicit information concerning the prior education and/or performance of the title 38 applicant. This collection of information is necessary to determine eligibility for employment and the appropriate grade and step rate or assignment.

- a. VA Form 10-2850, Application for Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists,
 Optometrists, and Chiropractors, will collect information used to determine eligibility for appointment to VHA.
- b. VA Form 10-2850a, Application for Nurses and Nurse Anesthetists, will collect information used to determine eligibility for appointment to VHA.

c. VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations, will collect

information used to determine eligibility for appointment to VHA.

d. VA Form 10-2850d, Health Professions Trainee Data Collection Form, will

collect information used to support eligibility for trainee appointment to VHA.

e. VA Form 10-2850e, Appraisal of Applicant, will collect information used to

determine if applicant meets the requirements for employment.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to

a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The *Federal Register* notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on

this collection of information was published at 88 FR 3781, 3782 on January 20, 2023.

Total Annual Number of Responses = 273,963.

Total Annual Time Burden = 136,982 hours

VA Form 10-2850:

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 8,064 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 16,128.

VA Form 10-2850a:

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 32,256 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 64,511.

VA Form 10-2850c:

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,752 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

<u>Frequency of Response</u>: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 21,504.

VA Form 10-2850d:

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 60,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 121,000.

VA Form 10-2850e:

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 25,410 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50,820.

By direction of the Secretary:

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